

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. CT-1213

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HARDESTY ROAD BRIDGE OVER FISHING CREEK

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hardesty Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Chesapeake Beach ☒ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county CALVERT

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Calvert County

street & number 176 Main Street telephone no. 410 535-1600

city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code MD 20678

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The two-lane timber bridge on Hardesty Road consists of two twelve-foot spans. The timber decking is overlaid with asphalt paving. It is flanked on both sides by metal guard-rails attached to the fascia. See attached "Bridge Description" for details and dimensions.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1957? Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

There is some doubt about the date that the bridge was built. A bridge inspection report (Alvi and Associates 1995) gives a construction date of 1957 based on information from the State Highway Administration. The Calvert County Transportation Bureau has called the information into question. The actual construction date may be a few years earlier, in the early 1950's. Local record do not note the date of construction. The bridge is nearly identical in construction and materials used on the timber bridges on Dalrymple Road, Ward Road, and Chaneyville Road which were probably built in the early 1950's.

The present bridge replaced an earlier crossing. The road and the Fishing Creek crossing appear on the 1866 Martenet map of Calvert County.

Hardesty Road bridge is one of two bridges that is the subject of a local story about an infant who died/or who was orphaned at the bridge on a fierce winter night before automobiles. The infant's cries may still be heard when the night is right. For this reason the Hardesty Road bridge is referred to as "Crybaby Bridge" by some locals. It should be noted that the same story has been collected in association with Dalrymple Road Bridge. There may be a confusion of the two tales. The two bridges do cross the same waterway.

The existing bridge, not yet fifty years old, has no known historical significance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bridge Inspection Report, C0006, Hardesty Road over
Fishing Creek, Alvi and Associates, 1995

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name North Beach

Quadrangle scale 7.5/

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town St Leonard state MD 20685

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by
an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated
Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and
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individual property rights.

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PS-2746

**1995 CALVERT COUNTY BRIDGE INSPECTION
BRIDGE C0006, HARDESTY ROAD OVER FISHING CREEK**

BRIDGE DESCRIPTION

GEOMETRICS				
Alignment and Profile	Located along horizontal curve on level grade			
Structure Length	27 feet			
Skew	5°			
Roadway Width	19.5 feet			
Lanes	Two 8 foot lanes			
Vertical Underclearance	6 feet			
STRUCTURE DATA				
Year Built	1957			
Span Layout	Two simple spans at 12 feet each			
Parapets/Railings	W-beam on each side			
Approach Guardrail	None			
Deck	Transverse timber planking with bituminous overlay			
Superstructure	Thirteen timber girders spaced at 1.7 feet			
Pier(s)	Timber pile bent with 5 piles spaced between 4.8 and 5.3 feet			
Abutments	Timber pile bent/sheeting with 5 piles spaced between 4.8 and 5.3 feet			
Slope Protection	None			
Depth of Normal Water	0.0 to 1.0 feet			
Depth of Soft Bed Material	0.0 to 2.0 feet			
LOAD RATINGS AND POSTING				
Load Ratings (by others)	Vehicle	Gross Weight (tons)	Inventory Rating (tons)	Operating Rating (tons)
	H-15	15	6	9
	HS-20	36	11	17
	MD 3	33	8	11
	MD 3S2	40	14	20
Governing Component	Timber pile cap			
Current Posting	20,000 pounds GVW for single unit 48,000 pounds GCW for combination unit			

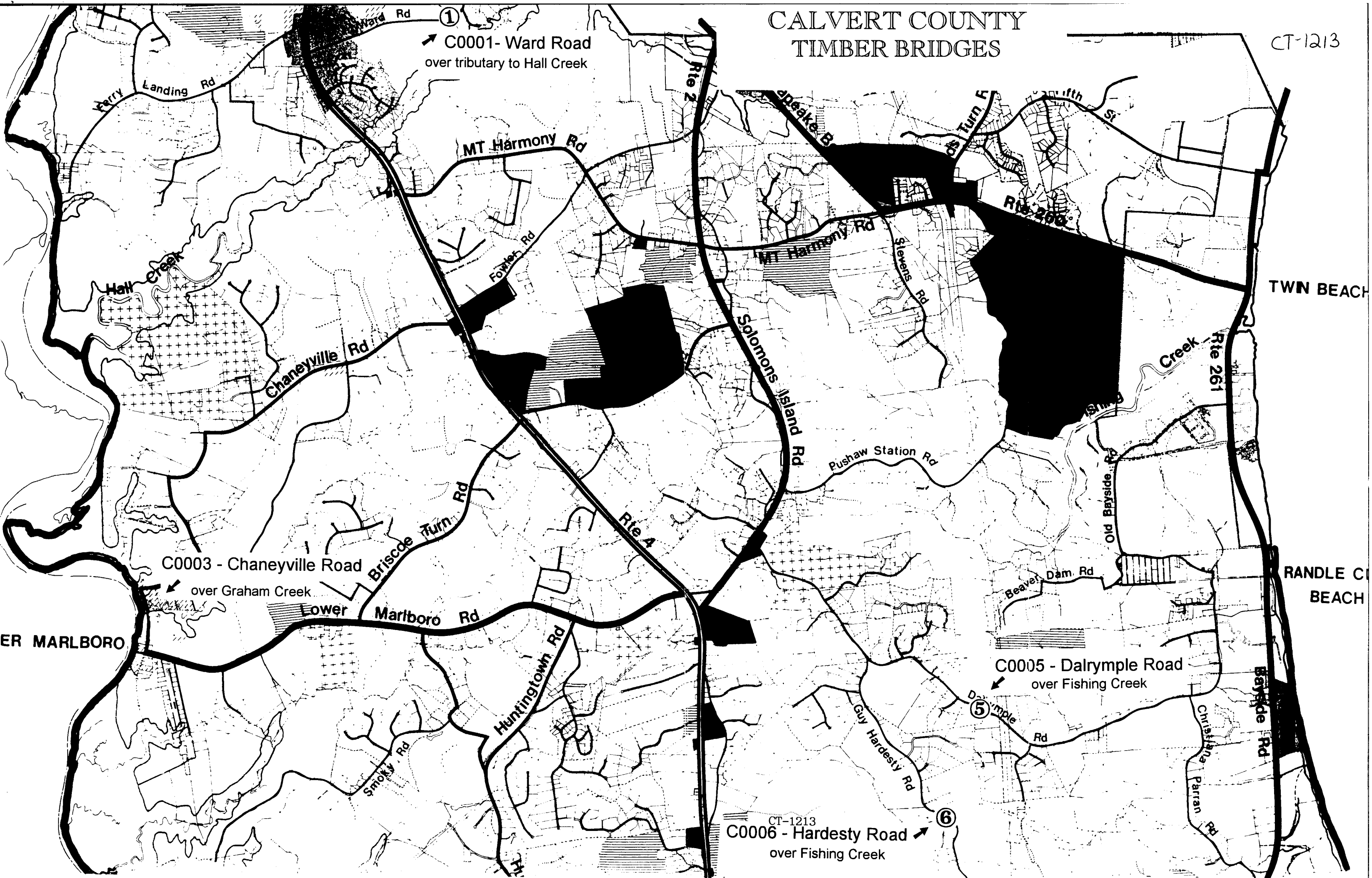
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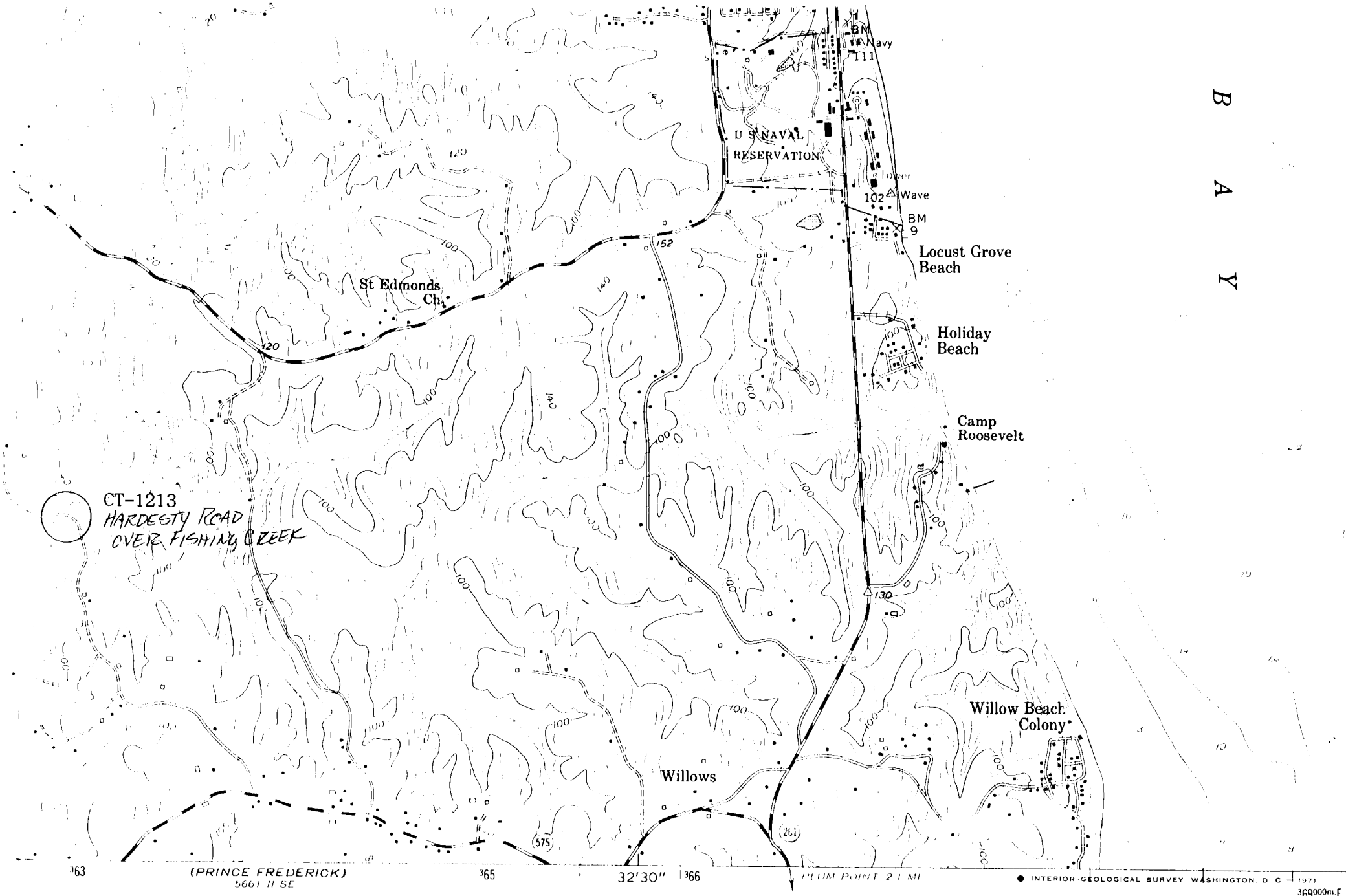
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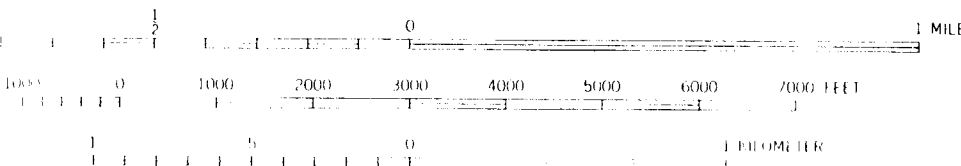
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SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty ————
- Medium-duty ———— Unimproved dirt ————
- U. S. Route () State Route

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Photograph 1
North Approach



Photograph 2
South Approach

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Photograph 11
Second Girder from East at North Abutment

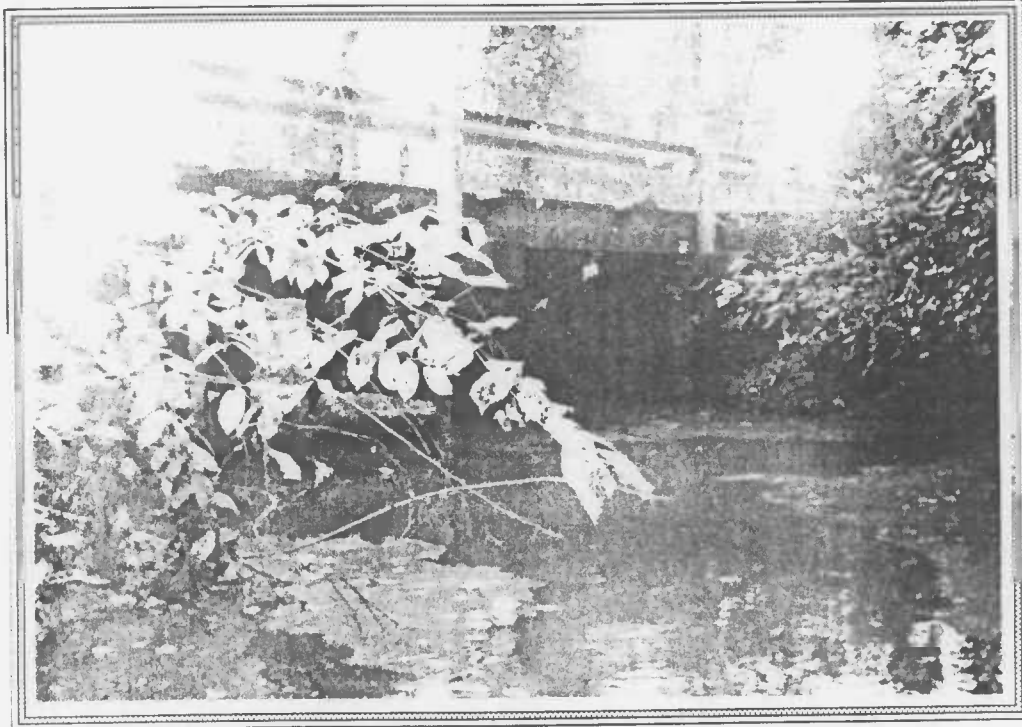


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West Fascia Girder at Pier

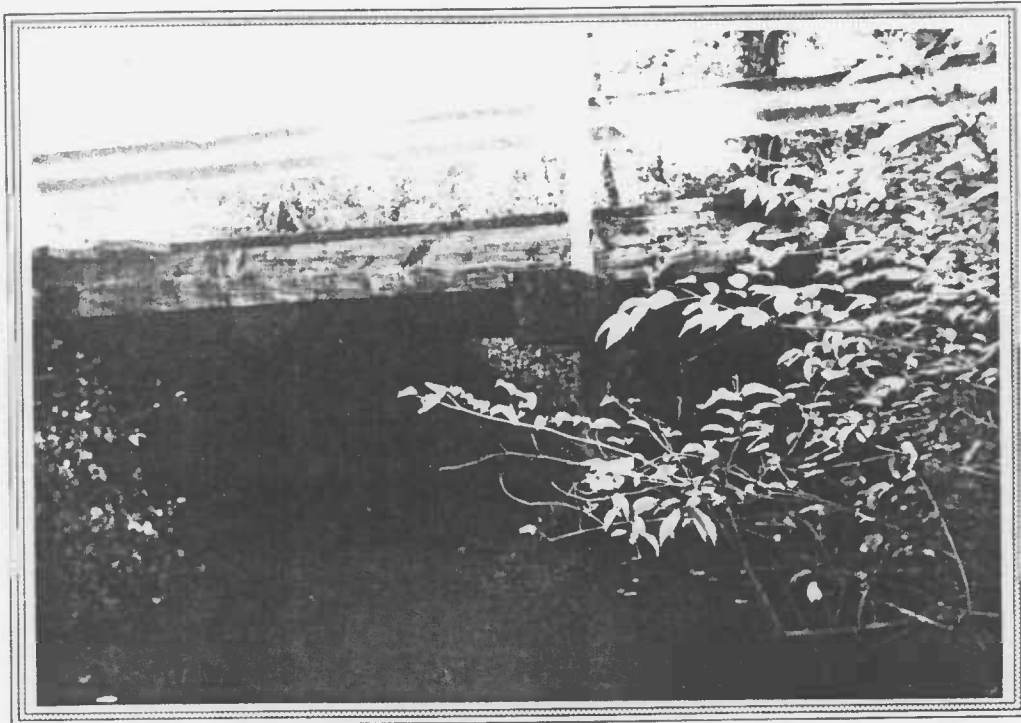
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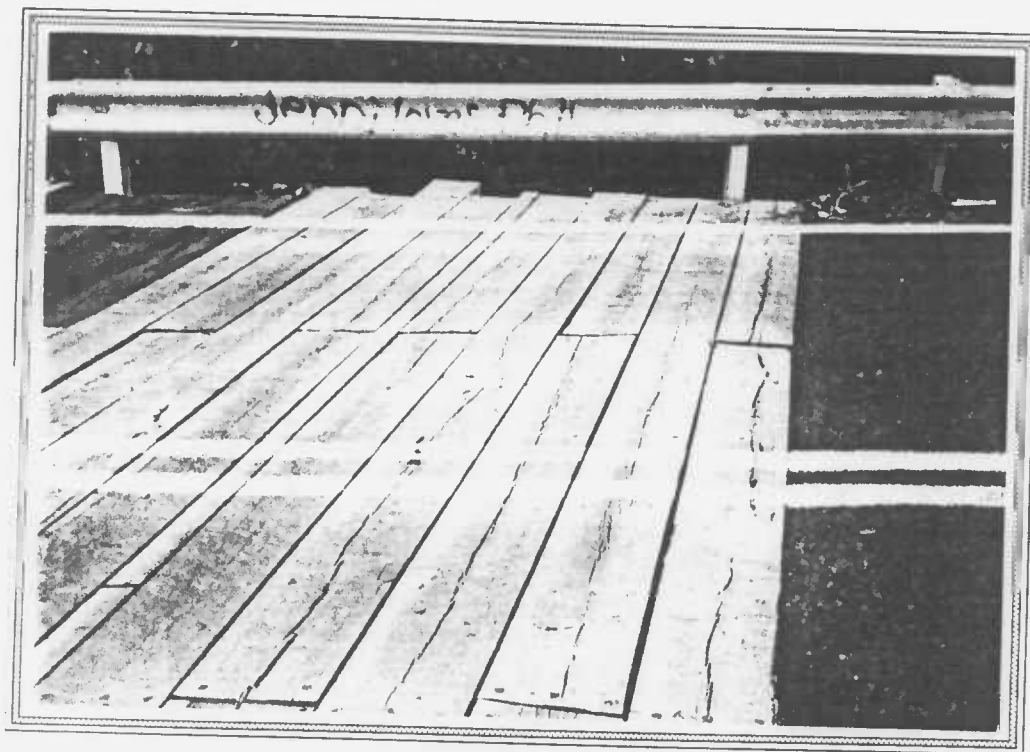


Photograph 3
North Elevation (Downstream Face)



Photograph 4
South Elevation (Upstream Face)

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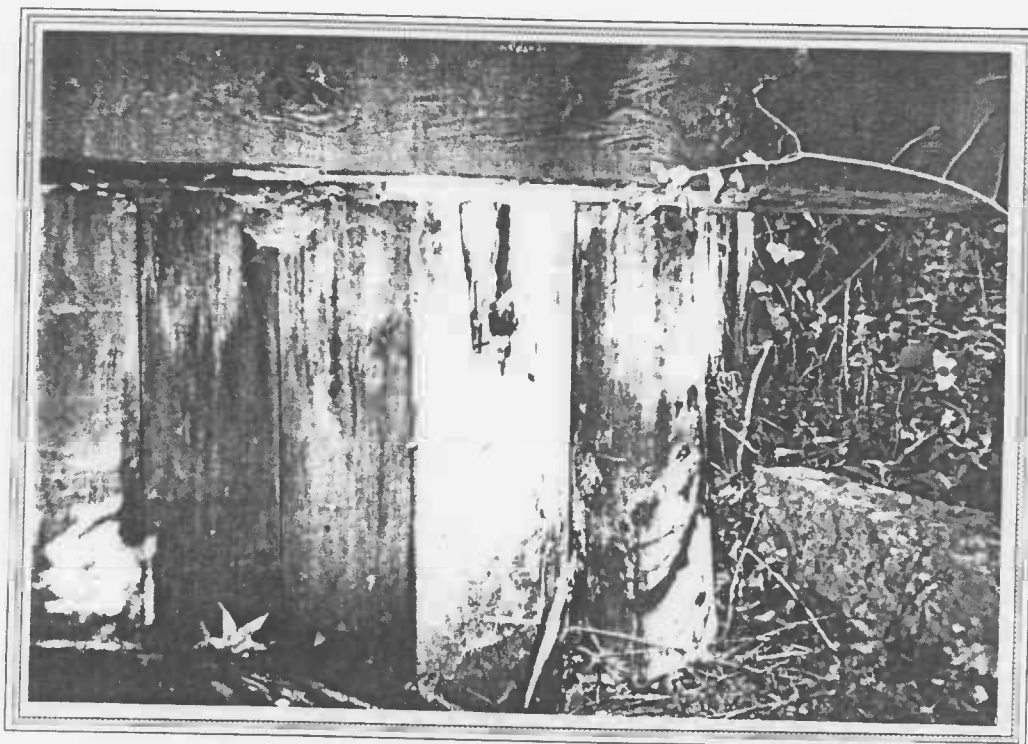
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Wearing Surface, Deck Planks

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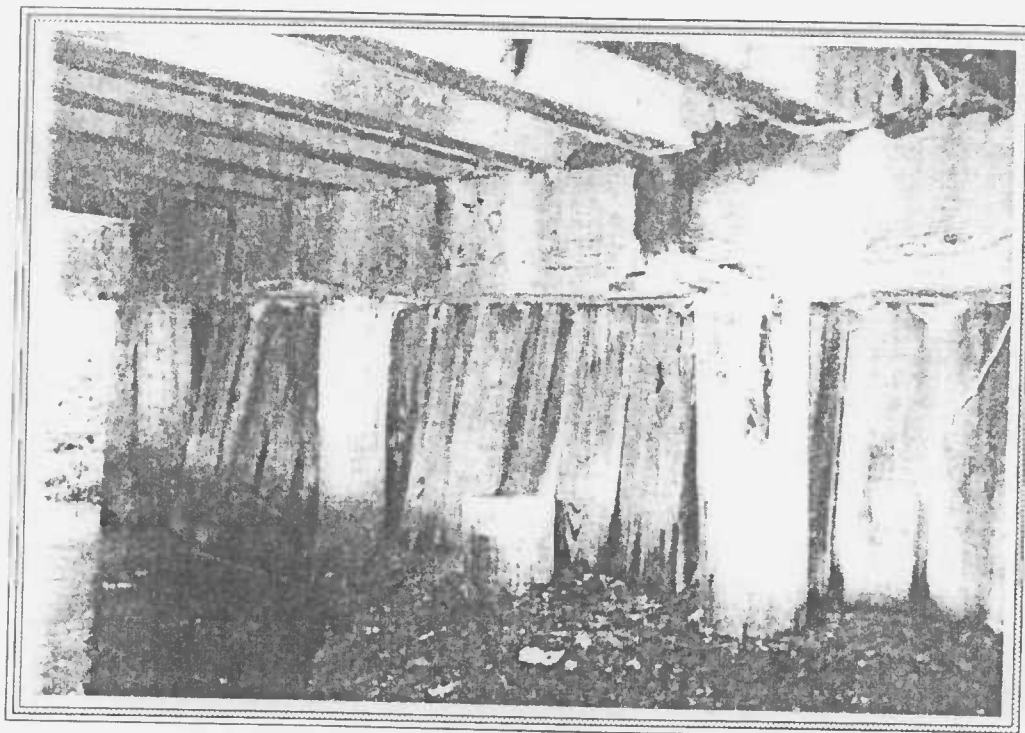


Photograph 8
Pier, Sistered Piles

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Photograph 9
Abutment, Sistered Piles



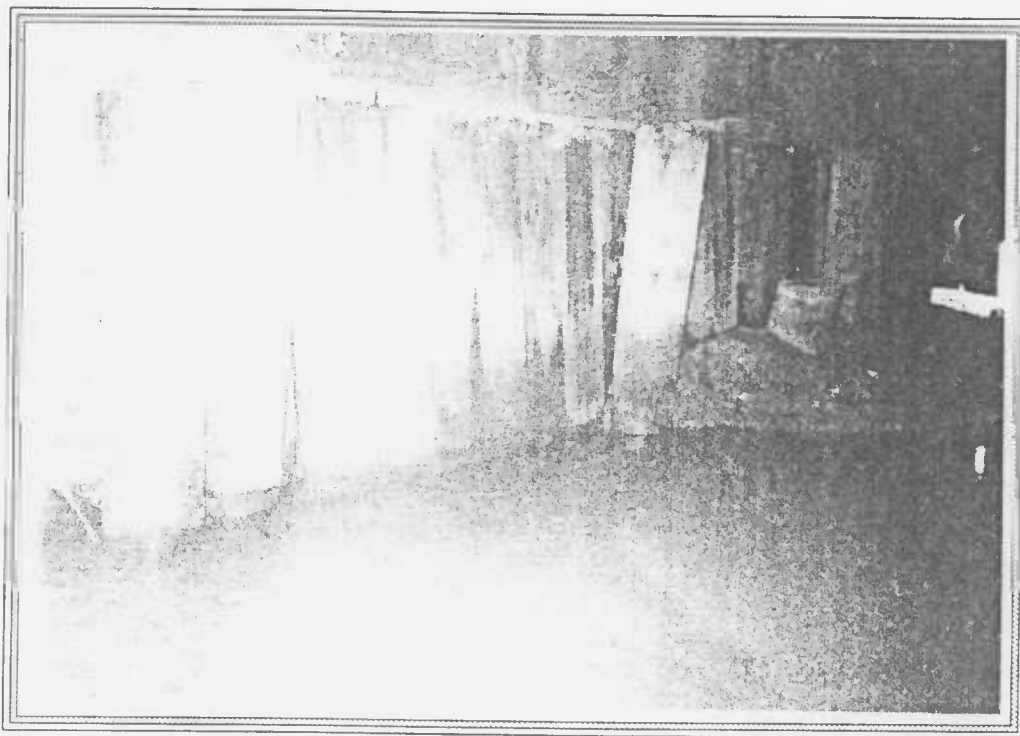
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East Abutment

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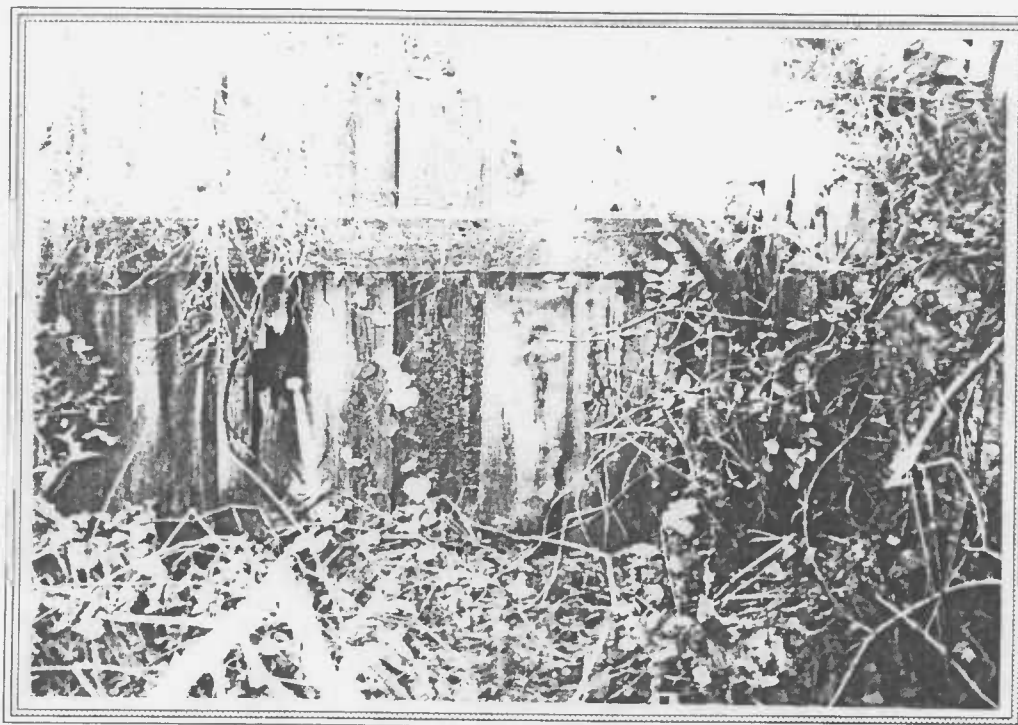
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East Abutment



Photograph 12
Southeast Wingwall